

Resolution 21-

WHEREAS, across the country, communities will celebrate national Welcoming Week September 10-19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Olmsted County is home to people of all backgrounds, including those who were not born in the United States, but now call it home; and

WHEREAS, welcoming all individuals enhances Olmsted County's cultural fabric, economic growth, and quality of life for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Olmsted County is committed to racial and ethnic equity and the inclusion of all residents in creating the foundation of a vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, we must come together as a community with compassion and unity, with welcome and respect, and with a shared vision that all community residents are safe and that civil rights are protected; and

WHEREAS, Olmsted County encourages the business community, civic groups, other units of government, and community institutions to undertake initiatives beyond this resolution, to make the region a welcoming place for new and long-term residents alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize on this 7 day of September 2021 the value of ensuring that all are welcome here. We urge all residents of Olmsted County to reach out to and welcome all who live in and visit our county and its communities.

Dated at Rochester, Minnesota, this 7th day of September 2021.